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TEXT OF NORWAY'S PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE VIBE'S INTER-
VENTION DURING JANUARY 6, 1978, VISIT OF PRESIDENT CARTER
TO NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL FOLLOWS:

BEGIN TEXT:

MR. PRESIDENT,

LIKE MY COLLEAGUES I HAVE LISTENED WITH GREAT INTEREST AND
GRATITUDE TO THE FIRM CONFIRMATION YOU HAVE GIVEN OF THE
VERY HIGH PRIORITY WHICH YOUR ADMINISTRATION IS ATTACHING
TO THIS ALLIANCE AND TO A STRONG POLITICAL AND MILITARY
ENGAGEMENT BY THE US IN EUROPE. I KNOW THAT YOUR STATEMENT
WILL BE STRONGLY WELCOMED BY MY GOVERNMENT WHO CONSIDERS
NATO AS THE CORNERSTONE OF ITS SECURITY POLICY.

IN MANY WAYS YOUR JOURNEY, MR. PRESIDENT, REFLECTS THE
MANIFOLD AND PRESSING PROBLEMS ON THE AGENDA FOR ALL OUR
COUNTRIES:

- SECURITY AND DETENTE,
- ARMS CONTROL AND DISARMAMENT,
- ECONOMIC INTERDEPENDENCE IN A WORLD MARKED BY RECESSION
AND UNEMPLOYMENT,

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- THE STRENGTHENING OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND DEMOCRACY AND
- RELATIONS WITH THE THIRD WORLD.

LIKE YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, MY GOVERNMENT FEELS STRONGLY THAT
IN ORDER TO BUILD A CREDIBLE AND DURABLE SECURITY FOR OUR
COUNTRIES IN A REASONABLY STABLE WORLD WE HAVE TO SEE OUR
SECURITY AS A FUNCTION OF THE KIND OF POLICIES WE ARE CON-
DUCTING IN ALL THESE AREAS. IN PARTICULAR, MY GOVERNMENT
IS TODAY CONCERNED ABOUT THE LONG TERM EFFECTS ON OUR
SECURITY OF THE PRESENT HIGH RATE OF UNEMPLOYMENT AND ECONO-
MIC RECESSION WITHIN OUR PART OF THE WORLD. MY GOVERNMENT
IS LOOKING VERY MUCH FORWARD TO HAVING AN EXTENSIVE EXCHANGE
OF VIEWS ON ALL THESE MATTERS AT THE SUMMIT MEETING IN
WASHINGTON.

MY AUTHORITIES HAVE BEEN HAPPY TO NOTE THE SUBSTANTIAL
PROGRESS MADE IN NATO ON THE BASIS OF THE IMPORTANT INITIA-
TIVES PROPOSED BY YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, AT THE LONDON SUMMIT.

WE SEE THE EAST/WEST LONG TERM STUDY AS AN EFFORT TO PRO-
VIDE A REALISTIC ASSESSMENT OF THE WIDER PERSPECTIVES OF

EAST/WEST RELATIONS AND THE BEST POSSIBLE BASIS FOR FORMULATING POLICIES FOR BOTH DEFENCE AND DETENTE.

WITHIN THE LONG TERM DEFENCE PROGRAMME NORWAY -- IN THE RATHER EXPOSED POSITION WHICH SHE FINDS HERSELF ON THE PERIPHERY OF THE ALLIANCE -- PUT PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON ENHANCING THE REINFORCEMENT CAPABILITIES OF THE ALLIANCE AS AN EFFECTIVE MEANS TO INCREASE DETERRENCE AND MAKE OUR SECURITY INDIVISIBLE.

AS REGARDS SALT, WE APPRECIATE VERY MUCH THAT THE US HAS BEEN INFORMING AND CONSULTING THE COUNCIL SO THOROUGHLY ON THESE MATTERS. WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT THESE CONSULTATIONS WILL CONTINUE AS SALT IS APPROACHING QUESTIONS OF IMMEDIATE INTEREST TO THE EUROPEAN THEATER. IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT WE
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DO IN THIS FIELD MAINTAIN OUR UNITY OF PURPOSE AS REGARDS BOTH THE DEFENCE AND ARMS CONTROL INTEREST INVOLVED.

THE MORE PARITY IS CONSOLIDATED IN THE STRATEGIC FIELD, THE MORE ATTENTION WE SHALL HAVE TO PAY TO THE CONVENTIONAL BALANCE AND TO ARMS CONTROL AND DISARMAMENT IN THE CONVENTIONAL FIELD. PROGRESS IN SALT MUST, THEREFORE, BE FOLLOWED BY PROGRESS IN THE MBFR. IN THIS CONTEXT I WAS VERY GLAD TO NOTE THE STRONG EMPHASIS YOU WERE PUTTING YOURSELF ON THE NEED TO MAKE PROGRESS ALSO IN THESE NEGOTIATIONS.

FINALLY, MR. PRESIDENT, LET ME ONLY ADD THAT MY GOVERNMENT WELCOMES THE STRONG EMPHASIS PUT BY THE US ADMINISTRATION ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND DEMOCRACY IN ITS FOREIGN POLICY. END TEXT. GLITMAN UNQTE VANCE

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